# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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LOW RAINFALL AREA
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has conducted a survey of the areas where the rainfall is low in terms of cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State Wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate water in these areas for irrigation purposes or to provide any package in the form of assistance; and

(d) the details of the heads for which the funds are being allocated alongwith the quantum thereof, head-wise during each of the last three years

(e) and current year?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): The Government has not conducted any specific survey of the areas where the rainfall is low in terms of cultivation. However, rainfall data is maintained by Indian Meteorological Department. To address the needs of low rainfall areas, following schemes are implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Rural Development to enhance soil and water conservation.:-

Ministry of Agriculture

(i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)

(ii) Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR)

(iii) Watershed Development project in shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)

Ministry of Rural Development

(iv) Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)

(v) Desert Development Programme (DDP)

(vi) Integrated Waste Land Development programme (IWDP)

The details of the funds allocated/utilized in last three years under these programmes are annexed.